

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

MEETING MINUTES

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Watsonville City Council Chambers  
275 Main Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (New Building)  
Watsonville

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Chair Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff called the meeting to order on September 24, 2015, at 8:40 a.m.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

1. Roll Call

Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board

**Water Board Members Present:**

Chair Wolff, Vice Chair Hunter, Member Cervantez, Member Delgado, Member Johnston, and Member Young.

2. Introductions, Staff Recognition, and Awards  
Officer

Kenneth A. Harris Jr., Executive

Executive Officer Ken Harris introduced Tammie Olson, Clerk to the Board, and Jessica Jahr, Staff Counsel.

3. Recognition of Russ Jeffries for his many years of service on the Central Coast Water Board.

Assemblymember Allejo presented Russ Jeffries with recognition from the State Assembly. Each of the board members graciously thanked Russ Jeffries for his time on the board and voiced their appreciation.

4. Presentation of a resolution recognizing Robert Ketley, City of Watsonville, for his long-standing contributions to water quality on the Central Coast

Dominic Roques presented the award. Each of the board members expressed their appreciation for his contributions.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Motion:** Member Johnston moved to present Mr. Ketley with a resolution for his contributions to the water quality on the Central Coast.

**Seconded by:** Member Cervantez seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED:6-0**

**Aye:** Chair Wolff  
Vice Chair Hunter  
Member Cervantez  
Member Delgado  
Member Johnston  
Member Young

**Nay** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain** None

5. Approval of the July 30-31, 2015 Board Meeting minutes

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Motion:** Vice Chair Hunter moved to approve the minutes of July 30-31, 2015.

**Seconded by:** Member Delgado

**MOTION CARRIED:6-0**

**Aye:** Chair Wolff  
Vice Chair Hunter  
Member Cervantez  
Member Delgado  
Member Johnston  
Member Young

**Nay** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain** None

6. Report by Regional Board Members

- **Board Member Cervantez:**
  - Reported that on August 27, 2015, her confirmation to the water board was made official by the Senate.
- **Vice Chair Hunter:**
  - Attended the drought panel organized by California Public Policy Institute that was held in the Monterey Area on August 18, 2015, with Congressmen Farr, Andrew Fisher, a groundwater specialist at UC Santa Cruz, and Norm Groot representing the Farm Bureau. Dr. Hunter reported that she was not invited as a member of the regional water board, but was invited as a board trustee for the Planning and Conservation League Foundation. She was able to speak on issues that are common to both boards.
  - Asked that another environmental justice tour be held so that everyone can attend.
- **Board Member Young:**

- August 31, attended Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Meeting with Howard Kolb regarding the county's adoption of their Local Agency Management Program (LAMP). The Supervisors voted unanimously to adopt the LAMP that had been prepared in collaboration with their staff, Water Board staff, Chair Wolff, and Board Member Young.
  - Board Member Delgado:  
Nothing to report
  - Board Member Johnston:  
Nothing to report
  - Chair Wolff
    - Announcements:**
      - Asked those in audience who wished to speak to please turn in a speaker card to the clerk.
    - Meetings:**
      - 8/3 State Board Member Steven Moore organized a wetland workshop in Sacramento. Every regional water board was present.
      - 8/13 County of San Luis Obispo held a water symposium on drought and conservation in Arroyo Grande. Over 200 people including every mayor of the cities in the area and representatives of all the individual water districts.
      - 8/19 Met with Kay Mercer and Lowell Zelinski, farm advisors, discussing NOI for tier 2 and 3. They also discussed the impact of drought on agriculture, and soil.
      - 8/27 Santa Barbara Local Agency Management Program telephone conference for pre-discussions with Mr. Young.
      - 9/2 San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Committee
      - 9/21 Freeport McMoRan hearing on the aquifer exemption project. Mr. Harris, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Katona also attended a meeting with Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to discuss the aquifer exemption process.
      - Reached out to Tom Howard and Frances Spivy-Weber to review how the State Water Board could take a statewide approach on Local Agency Management Program guidelines.
7. Report by State Water Resources Control Board Liaison [Steven Moore 916/341-5624]  
Mr. Moore gave an overview of recent State Water Board actions, focusing on drought-related activities.
8. Drought Conditions Update by Regional Liaison to Water Rights Division  
[Lisa McCann, 805/549-3132, [Lisa.McCann@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lisa.McCann@waterboards.ca.gov) ]  
Ms. McCann answered questions from the Board regarding her report.
9. Adoption of the 2016 Board Calendar  
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, [Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov)]

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Motion:** Motion was made by Member Young to approve the 2016 Board Calendar.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Hunter

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0

**Aye:** Chair Wolff  
Vice Chair Hunter  
Member Cervantez  
Member Delgado  
Member Johnston  
Member Young

**Nay** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain** None

10. Intentionally left blank

**Watershed Management and Planning**

11. Municipal Stormwater Program Direction and Proposed LID Fund Expenditure.  
[Dominic Roques, 805/542-4780, [Dominic.Roques@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Dominic.Roques@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

Dominic Roques, Storm Water Unit Supervisor, gave the presentation for Item 11, an informational item about a project the Board's municipal storm water program has undertaken to assist municipalities in evaluating the effectiveness of their urban runoff management efforts. Several municipal stormwater program managers and consultants working on the project provided comments on the item as well.

**Speakers:**

- Robert Vieteck, City of Watsonville,
- Agnes Topp, Environmental Project Analyst, City of Santa Cruz
- Tom Harty, Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program Chair, Monterey County.
- Nicole Beck, 2nd Nature
- Dr. Darla Inglis, Director, Low Impact Development Initiative (LIDI), UC Davis

12. Status Report for City of Salinas Municipal Storm Water Discharges, Monterey County, Order No. R3-2012-0005  
[Mike Godwin, 805/549-3886, [MichaelD.Godwin@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:MichaelD.Godwin@Waterboards.ca.gov)]

Mike Godwin, Storm Water Unit Engineering Geologist, gave the presentation for Item 12, an update on the City of Salinas' progress on implementing its Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit focusing on the City's permit elements which have the most potential for improving water quality. After the presentation, Gary Peterson with the City of Salinas provided comments on the City's path forward in complying with the Phase 1 MS4 permit. Board Member Jeff Young requested staff to provide another status report on the permit implementation, scheduled for May 2016 Board meeting.

**Speaker:**

- Gary Peterson, Director of Public Works, City of Salinas

### Public Forum

13. Public forum will be heard directly after the lunch break, **not before 1:30 p.m.** Any person may address the Board regarding a matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not related to an item on this meeting agenda. Comments will generally be limited to three (3) minutes, unless otherwise directed by the Chair. Any person wishing to make a longer presentation should contact the Executive Officer at least one week prior to the meeting. Comments regarding matters that are scheduled for a future meeting will be restricted.

Speakers:

- Connie Rogers, Gilroy, former City Council member
- Mary Hsia-Coron, San Benito Rising
- Andy Hsia-Coron, San Benito Rising
- Cuffton Dorrance, Dorrance Ranches, LP
- Abby Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California

### Discussion/Informational Items

14. Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Presentation – Mark Silberstein, Executive Director  
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, [Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov)]

**Mark Silberstein**, Executive Director of Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve made a Presentation to the Board.

**Mark Silberstein** described to the Board all of the progress that has been made with regards to restoration of the Elkhorn Slough. He thanked the Board for the Central Coast Water Boards initial grant funds that were the seed money for the restoration efforts. His presentation is available on the Central Coast Water Board's website Board Meeting agenda page.

15. Salinas River Watershed – River Channel Maintenance Project Status Update  
David Chardavoyne, General Manager Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, [Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Presentation

David Chardavoyne, General Manager, MCWRA  
Shaunna Juarez, Project Manager, MCWRA

David Chardavoyne and Shaunna Juarez gave a presentation updating the Board on the progress to date on the Salinas River Channel Maintenance Project pilot project. In addition they described the effort in the coming year to expand the project to the entire Salinas River. Their presentation is available on the Central Coast Water Board's website Board Meeting agenda page.

Steve Shimek, Executive Director, The Otter Project

Steve Shimek described a variety of issues associated with past and present efforts to maintain the Salinas River Channel. He concluded by requesting the Regional Board require a 30 foot vegetative buffer on both sides of the Salinas River Channel. His

presentation is available on the Central Coast Water Board's website Board Meeting agenda page.

Speakers

- Abbie Taylor-Silva, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California

16. Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency Presentation "Pure Water Monterey"  
Paul Sciuto, General Manager, MRWPCA  
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., Executive Officer, 805/549-3140, [Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov)]

Presentations

Paul Sciuto, General Manager, MRWPCA

Paul Sciuto gave the Board Members an overview of the Pure Water Monterey Project. His presentation is available on the Central Coast Water Board's website Board Meeting agenda page.

Steve Shimek, The Otter Project

Steve Shimek gave a presentation to the Board raising concerns about the continuing environmental issues associated with agriculture. His presentation is available on the Central Coast Water Board's website Board Meeting agenda page.

Speakers:

- Steve Shimek, The Otter Project
- Kirk Schmidt, Central Coast Water Quality Preservation, Inc.
- Abbie Taylor, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California

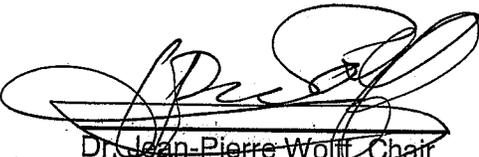
**Administrative Items**

17. Executive Officer's Report  
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., 805/549-3140, [Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov)]
18. Central Coast Water Board Strategic Planning Discussion  
[Kenneth A. Harris Jr., 805/549-3140, [Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov)]  
Note: This item is at the Board's discretion and as time allows.

**Closed Session**

19. The Board met in closed session as authorized by Government Code section 11126.

Chair Wolff adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:43 p.m. September 24, 2015.



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff, Chair